

WIA Youth Services

The Workforce Investment Act is a federally funded program designed to increase the employment, retention, earnings, and occupational skill attainment of the adult and dislocated worker participants who receive service. (The Workforce Investment Act is not an entitlement program)

Program Services

The WIA youth program provides education, training, and employment opportunities for low-income youth. Services are tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual and may include:

- Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to completion of secondary school, including dropout prevention strategies
- Alternative school services
- Summer employment opportunities that are linked to academic and occupational learning
- Paid and unpaid work experience to include job shadowing and internships
- Occupational skills training such as vocational classes or on-the-job training
- Leadership development opportunities
- Supportive services such as transportation and childcare
- Adult mentoring
- Follow-up services to help individuals who have completed the program
- Guidance and counseling

Participant Eligibility

Individuals must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive services:

- 14 through 21 years of age; and
- US citizen or eligible to work in the US; and
- Comply with Selective Service registration requirements when appropriate; and
- Comply with local or state residency requirements when imposed; and
- Meet low income requirements (with limited exceptions); and
- Need assistance as demonstrated by one of six factors

In addition to establishing eligibility, the individual must be assessed and selected for participation.

Note: Documents that confirm an individual's eligibility for WIA services will be required during the application process. Examples include but are not limited to: birth certificate, social security card, pay stubs, etc. Not all eligible applicants are entitled to selection for the WIA program. Selection is based on availability of funds, the individual level of need, and the appropriateness of the individual's circumstances to receive services.